

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.

DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

WHOLESALE and MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS and DRUGGISTS, AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS, WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

WE have the pleasure to announce that this Company, formed and registered in Hongkong, has taken over the Businesses hitherto carried on here and elsewhere by Messrs. DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, and Messrs. CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, together with all ASSETS and LIABILITIES.

The support hitherto given to the late Firms will, we trust, be continued to us.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1892.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

In ordering, it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	10	1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	18	1.50

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	1.00
C. Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	14	1.25

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	4	0.40
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50	0.50
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	0.70
D. La Rose, Red Capsule	11	1.10

CLARETS.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	4	0.40
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50	0.50
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	0.70
D. La Rose, Red Capsule	11	1.10

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	13	1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 Vintage, Red Capsule	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C. Watson's Abouln-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. R. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule	10	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	12	1.10

RISH WHISKY.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name	10	1.00

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	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A.V.T. Geneva	5.25	0.50

RUM.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	1.00
Good Lecard Island, \$1.50 per Gallon.		

LIQUEURS.

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
Benedictine Maraschino		
Curacao Heering's Cherry Cordial		
Chartreuse Dr. Slegert's Angostura Bitters, &c.		

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1892.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMME.

LONDON, June 25th. The platform of the Democratic party promises a repeal of the McKinley law, demands a revision of the tariff in the direction of free raw materials, a reduction in the duty on manufactured goods, and endorses the demand for Home Rule for Ireland.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

June 24th. The Borough Elections are to commence on the 4th July.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK.

At a further meeting of the creditors of the New Oriental Bank the resolution for a voluntary winding up of the Bank's affairs was confirmed.

THE PRESIDENTSHIP.

The Chicago Convention has nominated ex-President Cleveland as next President of the United States.

MR. GLADSTONE'S MANIFESTO.

The Right Hon'ble W. E. Gladstone in his Midlothian manifesto reiterates the necessity for Home Rule, and predicts that Ulster will soon return to a feeling of brotherhood. Mr. Gladstone favours local option, the principle of one man one vote, and also a reduction in the number of hours of labour.

THE PAHANG MINES.

(Special Telegram to the Press.) RAUB, June 24th. Two Raub boats have arrived from Leboh Trua bringing the winding plant, greatly damaged, undoubtedly by the Sultan's followers. The Raub Syndicate's and the Bentong Company's godowns there are also destroyed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"The world, the flesh and the newspaper."—Robert Buchanan.

We get to congratulate the China Mail on having got out before us every day this week.

"THERE are no booms to-day!" That is the starved-out stockbroker's version of the popular refrain.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamers *Formosa* and *Rohilla* left Shanghai for this port to-day, the former at daylight, and the latter at 9.30 a.m.

FOR boarding the *Monarch* and the *Fokien* without permission two "water rats" who were ticketless as usual, were each fined \$15 this morning.

THE latest snake yarn. A death-adder on the Endeavour River bit the handle of an axe. The wood swelled up to such an extent that it burst the eye of the axe.

BRIDE (just after the wedding)—Alfred, you promised to give me a surprise after we were married. Say, what is it? Groom (a widower)—I've got six children, my pet.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 14th ulto, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow morning.

A DEFENCE—"What's the charge against this man, officer?" "No visible means of support," returned No. 5,070. "I can't afford to take me wife wild me everywhere," growled the prisoner.

THE *Detroit Tribune* on John L. "John L. Sullivan is undoubtedly a powerful educational factor, especially when he is sober enough to get across the stage without falling into the orchestra."

Mother—Joyful news! Clara is provided for this summer.

Father—What do you mean?

Mother—I find she has grown so that her brother's clothes just fit her.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

ADVERTISEMENT from an English paper.—"Wanted, a humble country woman, age about 35, to do the house work in a gentleman's family; must be sober, industrious, and strictly honest. Wages, £4 a year."

If the £4 a year didn't make her humble, what would?

WOOLF Bendorff, professional boxer, was sentenced to six years' penal servitude at the Liverpool Assizes on 21st ult. for a murderous assault with a knife on a publican named Allerton, who had refused to supply him with drink.

TO-NIGHT the Stanley Opera Company will appear at the City Hall in their master-piece, the pantomime "Bluebeard." The Company is essentially suited for this line of work, in every feature of which it excels. Particularly, their gorgeous ballets, and the great T. R. M. boom do-ey by the whole force of the company, are worth going miles to see. Tickets are already at a premium.

ABSOLUTE zero is the term applied to that temperature at which the molecular motions of matter cease, and the molecules are brought into an absolute and permanent contact with each other. In other words, it is that point at which heat (which is the manifestation of molecular motion) absolutely vanishes. Up to a comparatively recent period there was a vast difference between the estimates made by the various physicists who had tackled the problem as to what constituted "absolute zero," but now, thanks to the work of Pictet, Callendar and others, philosophers are well agreed upon 273 degrees C. below zero (459 degrees F.). The "cold of space" is probably synonymous with "absolute zero."

THE only cure for intense obesity is said to be the removal of the diseased fat by a surgical operation—the latter is now more child's play. General Sausser, the Commander-in-Chief of the French army, was ill two years ago so obese that it would require a powerful derrick to lift him on and off his charger. He was depressed, and though 65, is now as active as a fellow under thirty, and is not as diaphanous as Sarah Bernhardt, is certainly as thin as General de Galliffet. After the surgeon makes the abdominal incision several incisions are introduced to keep the internal organs in position, while the fat is removed, it being removed, on three occasions, after the operation had been successfully terminated, it was discovered that a napkin, a sponge, and on one occasion a pinette, had been forgotten inside the patient; some months later a fresh opening had to be made to remove the forgotten body. One surgeon now has all the napkins he uses in a viatical operation numbered, and before sewing the incision counts the professional linen.

THE *Kwang Mo* leaves for Macao at 7.30 to-morrow morning, not 8.30 as first advertised, returning from the Holy City at 8 p.m. The return fare is only \$1.20, while the single fare is reduced to 75 cents.

TRUE CONSOLATION. How sweet the uses of philosophy! By which one is assured, in times adverse, That however wretched things may be, A time will doubtless come when they'll be worse.

THE Albert medal of the Society of Arts for the present year has been awarded to Mr. Thomas Alva Edison, in consideration of the distinguished services rendered by him to the progress of electric lighting, telegraphy, and the telephone.

A CASE against a China boy, charged with introducing a stupefying drug to Mr. Anderson, the Chief Clerk in the Singapore Supreme Court, on the evening of the 14th inst., was opened on June 23rd at the Singapore Police Court before Mr. Haughton.

THE *Sydney Bulletin* says that "It looks ugly to see a man who has stood in the witness-box during a libel-suit and deplored to the lovely ladies of the character, subsequently reaching out under a garish order for the damages awarded his friend."

In the tombs of the Pharaohs have been found very curious representations of the human eye in gold. Some of them are left eyes and others right. They are beautifully executed, the brows, lids and pupils being carved out of little rectangular pieces of metal.

It is said that four-fifths of the steam engines of the world have been constructed within the last twenty-five years. The total horse-power is estimated at 49,000,000, of which the United States has 7,500,000; Great Britain, 7,000,000; Germany, 4,500,000; France, 3,000,000, and Austria, 1,300,000.

OLD Gentleman—If you are bound to marry that young scapgrace, I suppose I can't prevent it; but I'll fix him so he'll have to spend his evenings in good company.

Trustful Girl—Oh, he will, of course!

Old Gentleman—Yes, indeed, he will. All the money you get he'll have to win from me at poker.

COLLATERAL Security. Levi—Shakey, had you sold anything since I was out? Jakey—I sold, but not of clo's to a shentlemen who couldn't pay but \$5 for dem. Te price was \$6.50. He lay promise to come to-morrow an' pay te rest.

Levi—Well, he never comes back; Jakey—He comes back. Te pants I wrapped up was two sizes too small for him.

In Taimania. Proud Teuton, J.P., after hearing the charge: "John Jones, I had known you one long time; you can go to prison for three weeks." "But, your Worship," whispered the clerk, "you must ask him whether he pleads guilty or 'not guilty' first." "Perry well," said the Worship. "How do you plead; guilty or not guilty?" "Not guilty, yr Worship!" "Den I give you three weeks, and your mate can go mit you."

THE phrase "Robbing Peter to pay Paul" is supposed to have originated in an incident which occurred in London during the Sixteenth century. About the year 1540 the Abbey of St. Peter in Westminster was elevated to the dignity of a cathedral, but ten years later was again judged to the diocese of London, and its property appropriated to pay the expenses of some necessary repairs to the Cathedral of St. Paul. It was evident that to do honor to St. Paul the estate of St. Peter had to suffer, and hence the expression which has become proverbial.

A CHINA MAN, "run in" in December last by Inspector Stanton for having in his shop an indecent painting which he had copied from a photo supplied to him by a resident named Kyle left Hongkong while out on \$250 bail, which was returned, but returned a day or two ago and came before his Worship to-day. Mr. H. L. Denney, interceded with the magistrate in his behalf on the grounds that he did not expose the picture for sale, had no intention of corrupting the morals of the colony, did not know he was committing an unlawful act, and left for Canton because he was very ill and was practically ruined by the case. Inspector Stanton stated that the defendant was a respectable resident and never offended before. He would be satisfied with a light penalty.

It was possible to impose under the circumstances on the defendant, and the prisoner was satisfied that as the law provided only for imprisonment in such cases and the prisoner evidently had no intention to break the law he would bind him over to two sureties of \$50 each to appear before him for judgment whenever called upon to do so.

Re deck chairs on board ship the *Boston* *Transit* comments—"Some day the great travelling public will rise up and demand that deck chairs, individualized by numbers corresponding to those of berths, be furnished to passengers on all the ocean steamers. The discomfort of the present batheroom system of seating passengers while on deck has been borne too long. There is no more reason why people should have to take deck chairs abroad a steamer than dining chairs; no reason why the price of a ticket across the Atlantic should be more than the price of a ticket across the Pacific. The passenger who is to sit down for the week on the *Transit* should be able to carry chairs aboard the ship on transatlantic journeys? The absurdity of that sort of arrangement would be promptly apparent. The steamer's chivalrous condition is a relic of barbarism. The Columbus year will bring thousands of foreigners to our shores. They should not be forced to put up with about the same sort of deck accommodations that Columbus himself enjoyed."

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

From	Ship	Agent
Penang	steamer, from Singapore	Halpin
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Aggregating 8,565 tons, register.

Outward.

To	Ship	Agent
Halpin	steamer, for Halpin	Halpin
Halpin	steamer, for Halpin	Halpin
Halpin	steamer, for Halpin	Halpin
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Aggregating 15,990 tons, register.

THE Willard Opera Company is at present at Colombo, with a few of the old favourites, and is apparently doing good business.

"JEAN" has favoured us with an interesting letter on the pride and fall of Senor Maria Ferreira the abandoned Lee Yuen genius, which we will gladly publish if it is supplemented by her (7) name and address, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

CONSTABLE Livingstone (no relation to the great African explorer) had a couple of *trava* lottery men "up" this morning. He dropped on them in Aberdeen in their ticket factory and seized them and about two piculs of blank tickets. *Retrait*—Fined \$2; each, and all tickets and paraphernalia confiscated.

THE *Sydney Bulletin* says that a sensational assault and false imprisonment case will shortly be heard in the N.S.W. Supreme Court. Plaintiff, a Police Magistrate, who claims £2,000 and has retained Mr. Watt, Q.C., alleges that defendant, dissatisfied with an official decision given by him, got him into a room, locked the door, and seriously assaulted him.

SMITH (from the back-blocks): "They call 'er a primer dinner, an' she does look like a pig. I'll be the last time as I comes to see sich rot."

BROWN: "Old 'ard, she might improve presently; I hear there's one woman in the company as can kick flies off the ceiling. 'Er may depend it's her—she ain't called a donkey for nothing, you bet."

THANK Heaven! I have been for a long time back pestered by a peripatetic nuisance of the worst kind, who would persist in humming round the office and getting blid drunk, nighting us and making the paper late every morning, and writing columns and columns of stuff that at last we were sorry for when he got sober. Now at last we are rid of him, and have a chance to get our work done. We sent him down to the "Awfuls" last night, and he has not been heard of since.

He had traveled the Sahara, braved the dangers of the Nile, Defied raging Mussulmans, and dined on crocodile.

Could tax and fence, and scull a race, and please his man-in-law—

In short, had all accomplishments of men both great and wise.

But he couldn't run a business, for he wouldn't advertise.

THE Boatswain Institute for Seamen at Singapore is now rapidly approaching completion, or rather has already been completed as far as regards the exterior, which presents a very handsome and imposing elevation towards the docks. The internal arrangements are being made with all possible despatch, and the date of the opening ceremony has been definitely fixed for to-day (2nd July) when the Governor was to formally open the new institution. Arrangements were made to have a fitting ceremony on the occasion of the opening, and it was understood that the building would be lighted by the electric light.

FROM our advertisement columns it will be seen that an effort is being made to float a limited liability company in Hongkong, to be called the "Hongkong Printing Press Company, Limited." Apparently the promoters do not wish to have their venture to succeed, for they seem to have taken absolutely no step to make known what they are doing. The first thing they have advertised (as per to-day's issue) is a request to subscribers to send in applications to the directors. And last of all, the advertisement does not state who are the promoters, nor what is the amount of capital, nor number of shares, nor the objects of the company, nor the names of the directors—in fact, nothing is stated at all, except that the public is requested to send money, to somebody or anybody, before the 15th inst.

THE boy who wrote the following essay on "Pants" in one of the California schools has been "suspended," so it is said—Pants are made for men, and not men for pants. Women are made for men, and not pants for women. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants are like molasses—they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold. The man in the moon changes his pants as often as you may. Men and women are often mistaken in pants. Such mistakes make breaches of promises. There has been much discussion as to whether "pants" is singular or plural. Seems to me when men wear pants they are plural, and when they don't wear any they are singular. Men get on a tear in their pants and it is all right; but when the pants get on a tear it is all wrong.

"You liar! You villain! You blackmailer! You wretch! I'll show you a trick or two in the sweet by and by," interlarded with a few choice selections of Chinese Billingsgate, was a severe reprimand, uttered by a Celestial female to-day when that official of the Police Court shouldered his way into the colony for purposes of prostitution. And then she fired off a charge at the grave occupant of the bench, and the preservers of the peace in "the Court," and not content with that, stamped the pavement outside the building and cursed the day that the *Police Court* should be established. And finally she took a new-born babe, who was very dirty, poor thing, but doubtless will come out of good cloth and in her right mind—and whither, even, than the driven snow. This makes about the tenth conviction of women within six weeks for committing this offence of slave-trading—otherwise doing their level best to supply the local and ever-increasing demand for young women.

CONSIDERABLE sensation has lately been caused at Rome by the light from her convent of a young nun. The lady, who is described as of particularly attractive appearance, was at the Convent of Santa Maria del' Orto, Rome, Terzina in religion being Sister Ermelinda of Pavia. Owing to suspicions entertained by the Mother Superior that Sister Ermelinda was becoming entangled in a love affair, she was transferred to another convent, and when the Mother Superior considered that all danger was over the sister was recalled to her own community. Resenting what she considered the suspicion and ill-treatment of which she was made the object by the nun, and chafing at the manner in which she was watched, Sister Ermelinda, who was employed in the convent school, took five of her pupils into her confidence, and so worked upon their sympathies that they offered her a refuge at their own home should she fly from the convent. Ultimately, therefore, the sister escaped from the convent and went to the house of her pupils, whose father is said to have treated her like a daughter of his own. An application was made to the police commissary of the district, but he declined to interfere, on the ground that sister Ermelinda was twenty-two years of age, and therefore, quite within her rights in choosing her own place of residence.

A DOLLAR A COLUMN.

"TELEGRAPH" STORIES.

BY THE COMBINED GENIUS OF THE GREATEST MEN ON EARTH.

INTRODUCTION.

Since we started out on this novel-writing business, we have been besieged by syndicates from all over the earth, offering fabulous prices for the copyright of our work. The gentlemen who sell the *Daily Press* every week four columns of deceased Sunday School tracts under a stolen title, at the magnificent price of thirty-eight cents a column, approached us with an offer of fifteen cents a column, but, as we would not like to be disgraced by figuring in a measly yellow print side by side with the scurrilous of our friends across the way, we declined. We are not to be bought.

It is not easy work writing novels about Hongkong. A novel is no good without a villain of some sort—a bad man who strides up and down rooms, and hisses through his teeth at good girls and nice people, and says "Beware"—without such a man, novels are no good; but if you try to describe him, your description is sure to hit somebody bigger than yourself, who comes round and asks to see you alone, and then where are you? We tried to meet the difficulty by making all the bad people in our novels do the "Vanishing Act," and have never for ever, but most of the embezzlers nowadays leave legal representatives behind, who don't refund the amount of the embezzlements, but hurry up to assert their clients' integrity if we libel them. Besides, we believe in the good old motto "If you must run away with a woman, take a pretty one"—if you libel anybody, choose a man who is somebody. And that is our difficulty, for in Hongkong nowadays we can find nobody who is anybody. Francis Q.C. thinks no small beer of himself, but that is just his way.

Our tame novelist then thought it would be a good idea to libel the editor of this paper. So he started out and called us a missionary and a temperance lecturer. That was what happened on Thursday last, when the general public thought there was a typhoon.

After that, the brilliant genius climbed down to write an ordinary shilling shocker, without any originality in it. When we read it, however, and found the name of the old deceiver and feeble-minded girl, a horrid mystery, a brother on the track with a deadly butter-knife, and a bottle of castor oil, we chuckled it. We refer our readers to the plain, without trimmings. Besides, he showed in a slab of poetry—on his own head be it!—of which this is a sample:—

The day hath come, 'tis Sabbath morn,
For truth, I am in search,
As on my way I came, I was born
To the Cathedral Church.

Which is meant for holy worship
And not this repeat,
Conducted by the Bishop
Who has heretofore fast.

In the afternoon 'tis Sunday school
When children come and go,
As if they were the common rule
By Sir and Lady Joe.

"Tinkle tinkle little star, what a bally fool you are," and so on. Also he had a hero who for seven long weary years purveyed in the dressy streets of London the succulent sponge and the wifely wash, and other evils to which the flesh is heir. There was something about disembodying spirits (spirits are much better with a body in them, and a little odor, and a delectable food, and a bright gum-ancher who thought "Pious as \$60." He introduced that grey-headed, weather-beaten chestnut about the lady and the goddess—oh, it would take a *Daily Press* to recount all the horrors of the thing. And last of all, he wanted "five per cent of the profits on publication." *Perish!*

So we struggled him quietly, which hurt his feelings to a great extent, and now the Office Goat is on the job.

SEVENTEENTH NOVEL.

SUCCESS.

Wait till the Raubs go high, Willie,
Wait till they boom

